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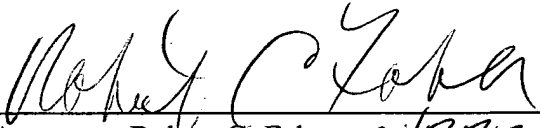
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Sir:

We filed the above application with the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 2, 2006.

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Respectfully Submitted,

  
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